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Scherez et al.**REMARKS*****Claim Status***

Currently, claims 1-8 and 13 have been cancelled, claims 9-12 and 14-16 are pending. The subject matter of claim 13 has been incorporated into claim 9. No new matter has been added. Appropriate consideration of the amendments and additions is respectfully requested.

Drawings

In paragraph 1, the Examiner objected to the drawings. Applicants enclose herewith replacement figure 1 depicting drive control device 10. The specification has been amended accordingly. The claimed limitation "abutment surface" has been deleted. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 16 as including terms lacking antecedent basis. By way of the above amendment, claim 16 has been amended to introduce the missing antecedent basis. Regarding the Examiners notation that claim 16 depends from claim 10, Applicants note that claim 16 depends from claim 9, thereby obviating the different language in claims 10 and 16 regarding the friction-type withdrawal means. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - §102 and §103

In paragraph 3, the Examiner rejected claim 9 under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Tomiyama. In paragraph 4, the Examiner rejected claim 10 under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Tomiyama. In paragraph 5, the Examiner indicated that claims 11-15 would be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of their respective base claims. By way of the above amendment, claim 13 has been cancelled and incorporated into claim 9. Claim 13 has been cancelled. Claim 10 depends from claim 9. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.


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Scherez et al.**CONCLUSION**

The present response is intended to correspond with the Revised Amendment Format. Applicants understand that with the Revised Amendment Format, the provisions of 37 CFR §1.121 are waived. Should any part of the present response not be in full compliance with the requirements of the Revised Amendment Format, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned for immediate correction.

No new matter has been added by way of the aforementioned amendments.

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